

**TEKONSHA TOWNSHIP**  
**P O BOX 91**  
**Tekonsha MI 49092**

**Board of Trustee Minutes for October 8, 2020**

Call to Order 7:00pm

**Quorum** was determined with the following members present: Overly, Moore, Wright, Stemaly, & Clark

**Approval of Agenda: Motion** by Moore, Seconded by Stemaly.

**Motion** by Moore, Seconded by Stemaly to approve September 10, 2020 minutes, with corrections, carried.

Guests: Marcia Bail. Marcia Thomas, & Lynnette Phillips

**Public Comments:** none.

**Supervisor's Report:** Each First Responder will receive \$1000.00 Hazard Pay and it is their individual option to their pay to the township. These donations will be placed into a special fund to be used at the discretion of the firemen on improvement to the Fire Department.

**Motion** by Overly, Seconded by Moore to set up an account for this money.

A Market analysis was done and the recommendation is to sell the old fire department building at \$115,000.00 with 50% going to the village as they own 50% of the building. The township hall building has a recommendation of \$75,000.00. The sale of these will help the township financially as we have invested a lot in the newly renovated fire department. The township will not move until the building sells. 5 people have expressed interest in the old fire department so far.

Phone surcharge on the November ballot. The county is currently charging the townships a percentage of the usage per township, which is covering their cost. Upon investigation by the Clarendon township clerk, this millage will give the county a 1,200% increase.

**Clerk's Report:** Approval of bills.

**Motion** by Moore, seconded by Overly to approve signatures on all Library Fund bills in the amount of \$3,533.77.

**Motion** by Moore, seconded by Stemaly to approve payment of all Fire Department bills in the amount of \$7,404.30.

**Motion** by Moore, seconded by Overly to approve payment of all General Fund Bills in the amount of \$68,305.70 with \$49,567.10 for construction of the Fire station.

**Treasurer's Report:** Accepted as presented. Mentioned that the Randall CD is set up to be used on the upkeep of the Hobo hotel only. The Township Museum is not a part of what the CD covers.

**Fire Board Report:** Accepted as presented. They are looking at doing an open house for the new fire department building in the spring and they will be having a drive through for flu shots in November.

**Assessor Report:** Building permit letters have gone out and she is working on deceased change of addresses. She is also finishing continuing education.

Old Business: Discussed how to move forward with the gravel pit situation. Treasurer was going to call Myca Myers to discuss legal options, however has held off due to finances. They claim that they have a letter from the 90's giving them permission to operate, but have yet to give the township a copy.

**Motion** by Moore, seconded by Overly to table this matter for now.

Discussed setting up a mutual aid agreement between Coldwater & Tekonsha fire chiefs, possibly others. If we keep expanding our coverage area will look into setting up a Fire Authority with 1 representative from each of the areas that are covered being part of this.

**Motion** by Stemaly, seconded by Moore to set up a mutual Aid agreement between Coldwater and Tekonsha fire department until a contract is in place.

New Business: Clerk needs some assistance to keep up with clerical work as he has gotten behind and is also working keeping up with all the election work that the deputy clerk has helped with this in the past, due to the fact that she stepped down.

**Motion** by Stemaly, seconded by Moore to hire Marcia Thomas to come in and help with clerical work.

It is recommended that the township have a 3 to 6 month balance. Due to all of the expenses for the new fire department, we need to cut some areas to help cover the cost. Some areas to cut include:

The board members are taking a 50% pay cut starting November 20<sup>th</sup>, pest control services by Griffin as they are not doing any termite work. Critical Computer Solutions on a monthly basis. Adam Remco service contract for the printer.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Moore, seconded by Clark to adjourn, Adjourned 9:40 p.m.